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PHILAE PROJECT IN EGYPT

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1. IN VIEW IMMINENCE PARIS MEETING MARCH 4-5 OF EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE UNESCO NUBIAN CAMPAIGN, SMITHSONIAN URGENTLY  
SEEKS ADVICE US PERM REP AND EMBASSY CAIRO CONCERNING  
METHOD CONVEY TO GOE POSSIBLE THIRD CONTRIBUTION US DOLS  
1,000,000 EQUIVALENT IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS FOR PHILAE.  
REQUEST INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT'S FY 1977 BUDGET REQUEST TO  
THE CONGRESS. SIMILAR ITEM IN FY 1976 SMITHSONIAN  
APPROPRIATION REQUEST WAS ELIMINATED BY THE CONGRESS AS  
CONTRARY TO TERMS OF PL-93-559 PROHIBITING PAYMENTS TO  
UNESCO.

2. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS NO REPEAT NO PARIS OR CAIRO  
ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS APPROPRIATION REQUEST PENDING ITS  
DECISION ON METHOD CONVEY EVENTUAL CONTRIBUTION.

3. NEW SMITHSONIAN APPROPRIATION REQUEST PROPOSES MAKE  
THIS CONTRIBUTION AVAILABLE TO THE GOE DIRECTLY, IN  
CONTRAST PREVIOUS PAYMENTS FUNNELLED THROUGH UNESCO NUBIAN  
TRUST FUND. NUBIAN TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS SHOW OTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO GOE IN PAST. SMITHSONIAN  
CONTENTION IS THAT U.S. CONTRIBUTION MADE DIRECTLY TO GOE  
WOULD COMPLY WITH TERMS OF PL-93-559 SINCE PROGRAM TO  
SAFEGUARD NUBIAN MONUMENTS HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOE PROGRAM IN  
EVERY RESPECT. UNESCO INVOLVED ONLY AS INTERNATIONAL  
FUND RAISER PASSING ALONG TO GOE FULL AMOUNT OF  
CONTRIBUTIONS, WITHOUT DEDUCTIONS FOR HANDLING.

4. SMITHSONIAN APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS CURRENTLY  
SCHEDED FOR MARCH 18 (HOUSE) AND 23 (SENATE). ASSUMING  
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL BUDGET ITEM FOR PHILAE, SMITH-  
SONIAN PROPOSES TRANSMIT FUNDS TO NUBIAN ACCOUNT OF GOE  
ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION THROUGH EITHER THE AMERICAN  
RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT (ARCE) OR DIRECTLY FROM  
EMBASSY.

5. SMITHSONIAN INCLINED MAKE CONTRIBUTION THROUGH ARCE  
WHICH WOULD PROVIDE 1) FULL AND DIRECT MONITORING BY U.S.  
SCHOLARS OF SALVAGE AND ARCHEOLOGY, AND BY ARCE  
ACCOUNTANT OF FINANCIAL PROCEDURES; AND 2) REPORTING TO THE  
SMITHSONIAN IN MORE DETAIL THAN NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH  
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UNESCO CHANNELS.

6. ARCE PRESIDENT BERGER, VICE PRESIDENT SIMPSON AND  
U.S. DIRECTOR BROWN RECENTLY INFORMED SMITHSONIAN THAT  
ARCE ROLE WOULD BENEFIT ARCE POSITION IN EGYPT. ARCE  
HAS CLOSEST TIES WITH ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION AND  
THEREFORE APPEARS IDEAL CHANNEL FOR PHILAE FUNDS. ONLY  
QUESTION OCCURRING SMITHSONIAN IS THAT ROLE AS PHILAE

FINANCE MONITOR MIGHT INVOLVE ARCE IN DIFFICULTIES WITH  
ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION TO DETRIMENT OTHER ARCE PROJECTS.

7. ALTERNATIVELY, DIRECT CAIRO EMBASSY TRANSFER TO

ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER  
INSURE OFFICIAL U.S.G. MONITORING OF ACCOUNTS, AS FOR  
AID PROJECTS, AND TO AVOID PUTTING ARCE UNNECESSARILY  
IN POSITION COMPLICATING ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH  
ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION. TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND FINANCIAL  
MONITORING BY EMBASSY/AID HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AID  
CONTROLLER BLACKA WHO IS RECEPTIVE IF CAIRO MISSION  
WILLING CONSIDER THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

8. U.S. PERMDEL AND AMEMBASSY CAIRO REACTIONS REQUESTED.  
DORMAN, ARCE CAIRO ALSO BEING QUERIED BY PRINCETON  
HEADQUARTERS. INGERSOLL

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